

the highly qualified expert provision of 5 U.S.C. section 9903 with additional financial disclosure and conflict of interest requirements in place;

Pages H2975–76

Childers amendment (No. 12 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that ensures that training courses for acquisition personnel include market research strategies to ensure that the surrounding market is considered during the contracting process;

Pages H2977–78

Dahlkemper amendment (No. 13 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that directs the Secretary of Defense to carry out a program providing for cost savings on non-developmental items by allowing a contracting officer to make an award for an existing contract to an entity submitting a new proposal that provides for a savings of greater than 15%, provided that doing so does not constitute a breach of contract;

Pages H2978–79

Kissell amendment (No. 14 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires GAO to do a study of the items purchased under 37 U.S.C. section 418, and determine if there is sufficient domestic production of such items to adequately supply members of the Armed Forces. Requires DOD to provide to the House Armed Services Committee, within 6 months of receiving the GAO recommendations, an evaluation of whether items purchased under section 418 of title 37 should be covered under the Berry Amendment;

Pages H2979–80

Grayson amendment (No. 15 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires DOD to give cost at least equal importance in evaluating competitive proposals for Federal contracts versus other factors or explain any waivers of such requirement;

Pages H2980–81

Hare amendment (No. 16 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that declares that it is the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense should ensure full compliance throughout the acquisition process with the Berry Amendment and the Buy American Act. Further, the amendment declares the sense of Congress that the Department of Defense not procure products made by manufacturers in the United States that violate labor standards as defined under the laws of the United States;

Pages H2981–82

Hall (NY) amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that requires the Director of the Office of Performance Assessment and Root Cause Analysis ("PARCA") to include performance assessments with significant findings in its annual report. It also requires submission of egregious problems (as defined by the PARCA Director) to the Armed Services Committees (by a recorded vote of 416 ayes with none voting "no", Roll No. 227); and

Pages H2970–71, H2982–83

Connolly (VA) amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 111–467) that creates an Industrial Base

Council within the DOD, supported by existing personnel and funds, to provide recommendations to the Secretary on budget and policy matters related to the industrial base. Requires an annual report to Congress on the Council's activities (by a recorded vote of 417 ayes to 2 noes, Roll No. 228).

Pages H2976–77, H2983

H. Res. 1300, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, was agreed to by voice vote after the previous question was ordered without objection.

Pages H2952–54

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2982–83, H2983, H2985 and H2986. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Drug Safety. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Request for the GSA. Testimony was heard from Martha N. Johnson, Administrator, GSA.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on FY 2011 Budget Overview: National Institutes of Health Testimony was heard from Francis Collins, M.D., Director, NIH, Department of Health and Human Services.

AIR MOBILITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Air and Land Forces held a hearing on Air Mobility Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: BG Michelle D. Johnson, USAF, Director, Strategy, Policy, Programs and Logistics, U.S. Transportation Command; David M. Van Buren, Acting Assistant Secretary, Air Force,

Acquisition; LTG Philip M. Breedlove, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements; U.S. Air Force; and BG Richard C. Johnston, USAF, Director, Strategic Planning, Headquarters U.S. Air Force.

WORKPLACE WHISTLEBLOWER AND VICTIMS' RIGHTS

Committee on Education and Labor: Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing on Whistleblower and Victims' Rights Provision of H.R. 2067, Protecting America's Workers Act. Testimony was heard from Jordan Barab, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

KATRINA/RITA FEMA TRAILER SALES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Public Sales of Hurricane Katrina/Rita FEMA Trailers: Are They Safe or Environmental Time Bombs?" Testimony was heard from David Garratt, Associate Administrator, FEMA Mission Support Bureau, Department of Homeland Security; James J. Jones, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, EPA; Steven Kempt, Acting Commissioner, Federal Acquisition Service, GSA; Corey Hebert, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Recovery School District, Department of Education, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

CLEAN ENERGY POLICIES REDUCING OIL DEPENDENCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held a hearing on Clean Energy Policies That Reduce Our Dependence on Oil. Testimony was heard from Lisa Jackson, Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTENCE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Antibiotic Resistance and the Threat to Public Health." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Thomas R. Frieden, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

PRESERVE PUBLIC HOUSING

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Preserve Public Housing." Testimony was heard from Sandra Henriquez, Assistant Secretary, Public and Indian

Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development; and public witnesses.

PROMOTING HAITI'S SMALL/MICRO ENTERPRISE

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled "Promoting Small and Micro Enterprise in Haiti." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FINANCIAL CRIMES ENFORCEMENT NETWORK OVERSIGHT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Reviewing FinCEN Oversight Reports." Testimony was heard from James H. Freis, Jr., Director, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), Department of the Treasury; Eric Thorson, Inspector General, Department of the Treasury; the following officials of the GAO: Richard J. Hillman, Managing Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment; and Eileen Regen Larence, Director, Homeland Security and Justice Issues.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 4128, amended, Conflict Minerals Trade Act; H.R. 5138, International Megan's Law of 2010; H.R. 4801, amended, Global Science Program for Security, Competitiveness, and Diplomacy Act of 2010; H.R. 5139, Extending Immunities to the Office of the High Representative and the International Civilian Office in Kosovo Act of 2010, and S. 1067, Lord's Resistance Army Disarmament and Northern Uganda Recovery Act of 2009.

ENERGY DEMONSTRATION PROJECT: OVERSIGHT OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

Committee on House Administration: Approved Committee Resolution 111-8, Energy Demonstration Project Authorization.

The Committee also held a hearing on Oversight of the Clerk, Sergeant at Arms, Chief Administrative Officer and Inspector General of the House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the House: Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk; Wilson Livingood, Sergeant at Arms; Daniel P. Beard, Chief Administrative Officer; and Theresa Grafenstine, Acting Inspector General.

CREDIT CARD FAIR FEE ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Held a hearing on H.R. 2695, Credit Card Fair Fee Act of 2009. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNMANNED MILITARY DRONE TARGETING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security and Foreign Affairs continued hearings entitled “The Rise of the Drones II: Examining the Legality of Unmanned Targeting.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PUERTO RICO DEMOCRACY ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2499, the “Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009.” The rule provides one hour and 30 minutes of general debate with one hour equally divided and controlled by the Chair and Ranking Minority Member of the Committee on Natural Resources and 30 minutes controlled by Representative Velázquez of New York. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute except for clause 10 of rule XXI.

The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules. The amendments made in order may be offered only in the order printed in the Rules Committee report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question. All points of order against the amendments except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule provides that the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Natural Resources or his designee. The Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). Testimony was heard from Chairman Rahall, Representatives Rangel, Gutierrez, Velázquez, Hastings of Washington and Foxx; and Resident Commissioner, Pedro R. Pierluisi, Puerto Rico.

AMERICA COMPETES REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Science and Technology: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 5116, America COMPETES Reauthorization Act of 2010.

SMALL BUSINESS TRADE POLICY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled “Evaluating the Impact of Small Business Trade Policy on Job Creation and Economic Growth.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COLUMBIA RIVER—SAN FRANCISCO BAY PROTECTION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment continued hearings on Protecting and Restoring America’s Great Waters, Part II: The Columbia River and San Francisco Bay. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hastings of Washington; Blumenauer and Speier; Nancy Stoner, Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA; and public witnesses.

BRIEFING—HOT SPOTS

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

COMPREHENSIVE IRAN SANCTIONS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND DIVESTMENT ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2194, to amend the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996 to enhance United States diplomatic efforts with respect to Iran by expanding economic sanctions against Iran, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Federal Railroad Administration and the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak), 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine holding banks accountable, focusing on if treasury and banks are doing enough to help families save their homes, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2011 for the Library of Congress and the Open World Leadership Center, 3:30 p.m., SD-138.